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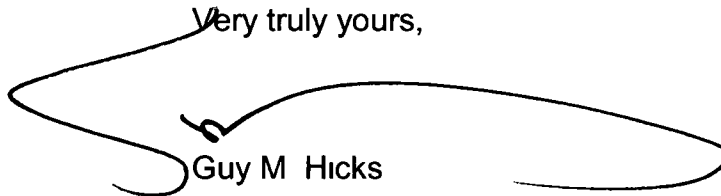
Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Generic Docket Addressing Rural Universal Service*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear Chairman Tate

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's notice to counsel in the referenced docket regarding disclosure to the Authority of specific offers currently outstanding relating to interim compensation for the termination of CMRS-originated traffic. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



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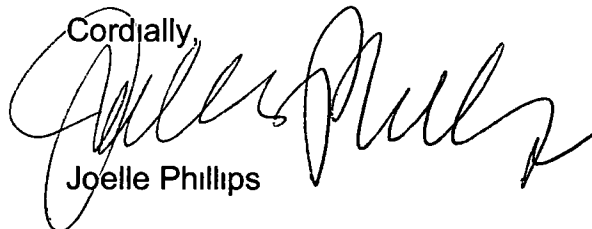
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Dear Counsel

As you are aware, today Director Jones held a telephonic status conference in the above-referenced docket. During the status conference, Director Jones discussed with the parties a schedule for submitting briefs addressing certain issues in this docket. BellSouth believes that it may be helpful for the parties to include in those briefs references to specific offers currently outstanding relating to interim compensation for the termination of CMRS-originated traffic. BellSouth is writing this letter to provide parties with an opportunity to notify BellSouth and other parties of any objection to the disclosure of such offers. BellSouth intends to reference only those offers regarding interim compensation, which have been reduced to writing and copied to BellSouth.

Please respond to this letter by noon on Friday, February 20, 2004 to inform BellSouth of any objection to the discussion of these settlement offers in the upcoming brief. ***BellSouth will assume that any party who does not respond to this letter has no objection to the discussion of written settlement offers relating to interim compensation for CMRS-originated traffic in the upcoming briefs.***

Thank you

Cordially,
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joelle Phillips", written over the word "Cordially".
Joelle Phillips

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